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1. A new and modern auto factory was completed at the little village of Nuntchen-Nishnowitz in 1952. It was to be used to assemble parts manufactured in the Elode and AVL factories, principally trucks. The first trucks came off the assembly line early in 1953 and were complete failures.
2. It was then decided to remodel the factory, enlarge it, and take up the production of buses. Work on trucks was accordingly stopped and more than 400 workers were dismissed.
3. During the summer and fall of 1953, about 250 to 300 workers were busy on the enlargement and alteration program.

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